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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Claudio CAVAZZA : NEW APPLICATIONS BRANCH

SERIAL NO.: NEW APPLICATION

FILED: HEREWITH

FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION

COMPRISING CARNITINE OR

ALKANOYL L-CARNITINE, FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF DISEASES BROUGHT ABOUT BY LIPID METABOLISM DISORDERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, the Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 2 of the specification, substitute the paragraph below for the paragraph on original lines 10 through 17.

--Hydroxycitric acid and derivatives thereof may occur as extracts of natural products containing hydroxycitric acid at high concentrations, such as the extract of the fruits of Garcinia (Garcinia cambogia, Garcinia atroviridis, Garcinia indica, Garcinia citrin), of the fruits of Malabar Tamarind or Gorikapuli (Lewis Y. L., Neelakantan S., Phyto-chemistry 4, 619, 1965), (Streenivasan A., Vankataraman R., Current Science 4, 151, 1959) or other extract of natural products containing same.--